

BWA Aids Polio War

MIAMI BEACH (BP) — The Baptist World Alliance (BWA) has commended to its 109 member bodies a goal to contribute \$1 million of a \$3 million project to immunize the world's population against poliomyelitis, the paralyzing and often fatal disease that perhaps next to smallpox has been one of the earth's most dreaded plagues in this century.

The action by the BWA General Council to set a goal to raise one third of the project's cost came in adoption of a report of the BWA division committed on relief and development.

The remaining funds will be raised by the Jonas Salk Institute and the Brother's Brother Foundation headed by Dr. Robert A. Hingson.

In 1953, Dr. Salk discovered anti-polio vaccine that resulted in the practical elimination of severe crippling and death of thousands of children and hundreds of adults.

He has recently improved his vaccine to a high-potency effectiveness in a single injection. The new formula does not require refrigeration and is thus useful in tropical countries where the older type vaccine was severely limited.

Dr. Hingson, a Baptist deacon living in Pittsburgh, developed a jet immunization gun that has the capability of injecting vaccine at the rate of 5,000 persons per hour.

He led a survey of world health needs in 1958 and 1962, both under BWA sponsorship, demonstrating the instrument's effectiveness by immunizing 80 percent of Liberia against smallpox and eliminating that disease from the West African country. On the basis of this demonstration, the World Health Organization undertook a smallpox eradication program that has virtually eliminated this deadly disease from the world.

In adopting the resolution to join the two doctors in a campaign against polio, the BWA General Council declared: "We desire to magnify the Biblical command, Arise, take up thy bed and walk."

The concept for the three-party relationship (Salk, Hingson, and BWA) was born at the June 1977 biennial meetings of American Baptist Churches in the USA, in San Diego. The ABC presented its 1977 Dahlberg Peace Award to Dr. Hingson, recognizing his leadership of the successful campaign against smallpox. The world-renowned Dr. Salk learned of the award, came to observe its presentation, and came to the platform to congratulate Dr. Hingson on his successes.

Conversations which followed that program led to discussion of the usefulness of the jet immunization gun in applying the more effective polio vaccine. Dr. Hingson invited Robert S. Denny, BWA general secretary, to later talks — and the three-way partnership was proposed.

In Bangladesh

Teams Go Into Villages To Share God's Message

FENI, Bangladesh (BP) — The two men walk into the strange village calling, "Are there any men or boys at home? We want to talk to a man of your village."

The two men, Southern Baptist Missionary James E. Young and Bangladeshi co-worker David Biswas, are part of an extensive rural evangelism effort being carried out by missionaries and nationals here.

In Bangladesh about 98 percent of the population of 80 million lives in villages.

To bring the gospel to these people, missionaries team up with nationals and go from village to village. After making initial contact with one of the men in the community, they then ask to see the village leader.

When the leader comes, Young tells him who the two visitors are and why they have come.

The men give the leader the book, "The Men Who Gave His Life," with the suggestion that each night when the villages' work is completed that they gather to hear the book read.

In some instances the leader replies that he cannot read, but a son or nephew can.

Young says that is fine and suggests how the reading can be done each

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President Jimmy Carter, seated center, chats with Elizabeth Cooper, seated to his right. In the background, a woman in a patterned dress and a man in a suit are visible. The photo was taken in Yazoo City, Mississippi, following a town meeting.

Baptist Association

Union County Offers A Suit And A Prayer

By Jim Newton

NEW ALBANY, Miss. (BP) — It started off like a typical Bible study at a mission center here, but the way the Bible study ended was truly unique.

For almost 30 minutes, the Bible teacher, Mrs. Mickey Crutchfield, had examined the Scriptures verse by verse, explaining the Bible in clear, easy-to-understand language.

During the closing period, several men and women raised their hands asking for prayer and indicating they wanted to know more about accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Then Mrs. Crutchfield knelt, praying fervently for the people she loves so much.

After the prayer, the 35 men and

women present quickly moved into 12 adjacent rooms to pick up what they really came to get — free clothing given to them by the Union County Baptist Association.

But they got much more — a clear presentation of the gospel and compassionate concern of Christian people, in addition to the badly-needed clothing.

They call it the Union County Baptist Bible Study and Clothing Center, and it happens twice each month on Tuesday mornings.

"I only got one rule I strictly enforce," said Mrs. Crutchfield in her strong Mississippi accent. "If you don't come to the Bible study, you can't get the clothes."

Guy Culver, director of missions for Union County Baptist Association, said the Bible Study and Clothing Center is probably the most effective missions project in the association.

Since the center opened on July 6, 1974, more than 435 individuals have received both the gospel and clothing they needed.

About 45 people have accepted Jesus Christ as Savior as a result.

Mrs. Crutchfield, who has directed the center and taught the Bible studies twice monthly (except once when she was in the hospital) since the beginning, estimated that the association had given away 50,000 items of clothing in the last three years.

The center is open to anyone and everyone. About 40 percent of the people who come are black.

Regardless of race, they come from all walks of life, Mrs. Crutchfield observed. Some are alcoholics, drug addicts, prostitutes, prisoners (released just long enough to go to the center by

the nearby county jail) — but most are just people in the county who don't earn enough money to buy clothes.

About 15 "regulars" come nearly ever session, but they are allowed to get clothes only once a month. Mrs. Crutchfield knows each one personally, and keeps accurate records on who attends, how often, and how many different types of clothes they receive.

Of the 80 Baptist churches in the Union County Association, every one has participated in the project by sending either clothes or volunteers to help, Mrs. Crutchfield said.

Although it is strictly a Baptist project, the clothing center has also attracted the attention and support of others. Two Glenmary Brothers from the St. Francis Catholic Church have been coming to help pass out the clothes.

"I just try to talk their language," Mrs. Crutchfield said of her Bible study — clothing ministry. "Most of them would rather come to the Bible study here than go to church. Lot of them won't go to a church 'cause they don't understand what the preacher is saying."

"It's just a gift God has given me — making the Bible plain and simple. I tell 'em that God hates sin, but He loves sinners. I don't tell 'em, 'You're not no account.' I just love 'em and God loves 'em too."

"People have got to realize," she adds, "that there's more to Christianity than meetin' behind the four walls of the church. 'Cause when you get out and help others, you're helpin' God too."

(Adapted from *World Mission Journal*, July, 1977.)

Giant Missions Rally To Follow 1978 SBC

GLORIETA, N. M. (BP) — A missions rally for 16,500 Southern Baptist lay persons, with President Jimmy Carter invited to make the major address, will be held in Atlanta on June 16 under the auspices of the Brotherhood Commission.

Glendon McCullough, executive director of the Memphis-based missions agency for Southern Baptist men and boys, announced the giant missions meeting at the final session of the week-long Bold Mission Leadership Conference for 1,600 persons at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center.

The lay meeting will be held the day following the three-day 121st Southern Baptist Convention (SBC).

McCullough said President Carter, a former trustee of the commission, has personally agreed to consider an invitation to address the lay people and will respond officially to the invitation a few months before the meeting.

Announcement of the national missions meeting came three weeks after President Carter challenged Southern Baptists at their annual meeting in Kansas City, Mo., to put another short-term, volunteer 5,000 mis-

sionaries on the field for one and two-year terms within the next five years.

At the 120th meeting of the denomination, the messengers accepted the challenge by expanding the Cooperative Program giving goal and asking a denominational committee, which has already met, to plan and launch the effort.

McCullough said the meeting is one of a series of projects to provide Bold Mission opportunities for Baptist lay people at the national level during the next two years.

The commission also is providing 35,000 Southern Baptist churches with materials for conducting other Bold Mission projects in the areas of mission study, prayer, stewardship, and mission action.

Preliminary plans for the large lay rally call for up to 15 breakfast groups at the major Atlanta hotel the morning of June 16.

McCullough said the theme of the prayer breakfast will be "Ministry Through Lay People."

The groups will consider ministry opportunities in such areas as medicine, government, law enforcement, art, retirement, legal profes-

sions, agriculture, technical skills, education, communications, sports, military, sales, management, and clerical work.

McCullough said nationally known Christian leaders in every profession will lead the discussion.

In connection with the lay rally, McCullough said he will push for lay representation at the 1978 SBC in Atlanta at least 30 percent, almost double that of previous years.

SBC President Jimmy Allen, who gave the closing address at the Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union leadership conference here, enthusiastically endorsed the lay rally as a Bold Mission step.

He said, "One of the exciting developments in Southern Baptist life is the discovery of the mission of men within their professions and finding ways to serve God with their skills."

"I am excited about the fact we have the massive opportunity for men of different professions to come together, to know each other in their Christian family and to understand the kind of opportunities they have to share their faith in their daily responsibilities."

K. Wong, who recently spent six days visiting Baptists in that country.

The Baptist layman from Hong Kong commented on conditions in Cuba during a visit to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board here.

Wong said that he and his wife were welcomed at the Havana airport by 50 to 60 Baptists who sang the hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers."

"They are not permitted to preach outside of church, so the churches are full," Wong said. "With these limitations they must use the church for three meetings on Sunday, morning prayer meetings during the week, Bible studies, and prayer meetings in the evenings."

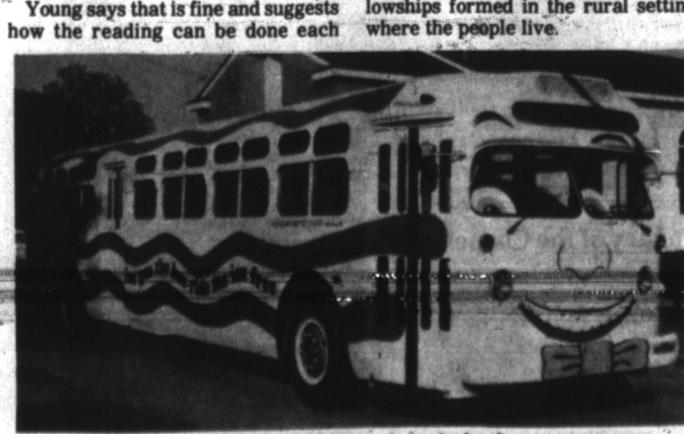
"Churches are not allowed to buy property on which to build nor to convert existing buildings into a church," he continued.

Three to four evangelistic meetings are held in each church every year, according to Wong, and last year 438 baptisms were reported in the country. There are now 227 Baptist churches with about 15,000 members, he said. Baptists in Cuba have two seminaries where, Wong said, enrollment figures were encouraging, plus two Baptist-supported camps and two homes for the aged.

Eighty percent of the Baptist churches have their own pastors, according to Wong. He said one church with 57 members has 55 who tithe.

"They need material things like printing machines," including mimeograph machines, and printed materials, Wong said.

Even with the shortage of equipment and a shortage of ink, Cuban Baptists continue to mimeograph material for use in Bible study and leadership training, he said.



An Inviting Vehicle

"I'm 'Gus the Bus', ride me, I'm free!" invites the newest addition to the bus fleet of Woodlawn Church, Vicksburg. "Gus" is a 55 passenger diesel transit. Woodlawn now operates a fleet of twelve buses.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Quiltman Association has called Paul Blanchard as a part-time missionary for their association. He will give the mornings of each week to associational work and the rest of his time to the pastoring of Blue Lake Church.

Barry Allen Swartz was recently licensed to the gospel ministry by First Church, Vernon. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Swartz of Tupelo. Swartz is serving as interim minister of music in Rocky Point Church, Carthage.

Jimmy Craft, a 1973 graduate of Miss. College with a master of divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary, is beginning his full-time ministry in evangelism. He is married to the former Jackie Cox, and they reside in Gulfport with their two daughters, Amy and Sarah. Craft has conducted many revivals and youth retreats in Mississippi and in numerous other states. He can be contacted at 406 McGuire Circle, Gulfport MS 39501 or called at (601) 863-1771.

Raleigh Lane is the new minister of education at Woodland Hills Church, Jackson. A graduate of Texas A&M, he received the master of divinity and master of religious education degrees from Southwestern Seminary. He has served with the US Army for two years. Mrs. Lane is also a native of Texas. She received her bachelor of music degree from North Texas State University. James E. Scirratt is pastor.

Jon Doler has been named the new pastor of Adaton Church, Starkville. He began his duties on

June 5. Doler is a native of Calhoun County, and is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. He has served as pastor of churches in Calhoun and Newton Counties. Doler is married to the former Scotti Wilson of Bellefontaine.

Mike Evans has recently joined the staff of Woodlawn Church, Vicksburg as bus director and administrative assistant. He comes to Woodlawn from the US Army Corp of Engineers where he was a cartographic technician. Evans has been at Woodlawn since Feb. 1974 serving as bus captain and deacon before being bus director. The church has been providing bus service for four years for residents of Warren County. They operate a fleet of twelve buses in the southern part of the county serving the area between Yokena and Redwood in the northern part of the county.



Mary Smith, a student at Blue Mountain, has been designated by the Home Mission Board as WMU's summer missionary for 1977. Mary is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Smith of Houma, Mississippi, and a member of First Baptist, New Albany.

Mary is giving WMU tourists, June 3 - August 12, a Bold Mission educational experience. Among the many treasures she will show to visitors is Lottie Moon's trunk and tiny shoes of Chinese women with bound feet. She will also train teachers in the Birmingham area in using WMU's new Trans-Com materials to start Big A Bible Clubs.

The national WMU office building in Birmingham, AL, is open weekdays from 8:00 to 4:30. To arrange a tour, a Bold Mission educational experience, call (205) 322-6511 for reservations.

Strong, healthy decisions can be made only when a girl is emotionally

Clarke Students Minister To Choctaws

"We've had marvelous experiences working with and worshiping with the Choctaw young people up at the center (Philadelphia) this year," exulted a small group of Clarke College students who were being interviewed about their BSU ministry this past school year.

These student leaders, from three to five of them, have driven up every single Wednesday night of the college year to have a forty-five minute service with the Choctaw youth who are in boarding school at the Choctaw Indian Center and who are friends of Mr. and Mrs. Dolton Hagan, Baptist Home Missionaries. Thirty-five or more boys and girls attended each week. They come because they want to and because they find something satisfying, not because of pressure exerted.

"Why, it's been exciting and...and...thrilling, and just great," exclaimed Kim Calhoun, BSU Missions Chairman, from Puckett, Miss. "We get a different person to speak each time, but we have the same person serve as song leader." Dennis Maddox, New Orleans, La., has served as song leader for this past semester and Kim plays the piano.

The Choctaws love to sing; they like to learn new hymns and are delighted to try the newest choruses (sometimes with motions). They happily participate in special musical numbers and use new Baptist Hymnals which are furnished by the Center.

What kind of messages do the speakers bring? "They work hard to prepare something spiritual and practical that will really meet specific needs of the boys and girls and they keep it brief." The Clarke students feel a deep personal interest in the Indians and their caring can be felt as they speak. Of course, it is effective, and the response is good. This is the only worship service many of the youths have for they come from homes that are not religiously oriented.

Danny Burnham, BSU Ministries Chairman, from Puckett, Miss., said, "The Choctaws are by nature somewhat reticent and it took quite a while to win their affection and confidence. For months I worked at it, but time and patience paid off." Jenni DeSilva, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, said that she prayed definitely to be used of God to demonstrate His love and find a way into their hearts. God was pleased with that prayer and answered it.

One of the Clarke students ventured that an especially moving experience came as one Choctaw youth prayed aloud in the Choctaw language and

Clarksters and the Choctaws worshipped together as he prayed.

Danny and Kim were asked if there had been any conversions as the result of these services held regularly over such a long period. They said that they had been advised not to give an invitation for a personal commitment, but one night the urge was strong to present Christ as Saviour and ask for a response. That night nine young people came forward and at a later date two more came! It was a holy hour! Immediately the Clarke students began to lovingly and prayerfully counsel the new converts, and they continued as they sensed the genuineness of the decisions. This was the glorious climax of the fellowship, worship, and ministry.

Mrs. Dolton Hagan, who is always present at the meetings, continues to express gratitude to the Clarke students for representing Mississippi Baptists in this beautiful ministry.

NOTE: This article was written by Mrs. W. L. Compere, wife of the retired President of Clarke College, following a visit to the Center with the Clarke students and an interview with the leaders of this BSU ministry. J. B. Costillou is Director of BSU activities at Clarke.

Happiness is the legitimate fruitage of love and service. Set happiness before you as an end, no matter in what guise of wealth, or fame, or oblivion even, and you will attain it. — But renounce it and seek the pleasure of God, and that instant is the birth of your own. — ARTHUR S. HARDY

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Three Baptist Churches Burn In North Georgia

CLEREMONT, Ga. (BP) — Under an arching oak tree about 50 yards from the smoldering ruins of Christian Hills Baptist Church, 20 or so members set up folding lawn chairs for prayer services two days after arsonists burned the church to the ground — and gutted two others nearby.

Pastor J. Alvin Smith said the Southern Baptist church, which was only partially covered by insurance, would cost \$350,000 to \$400,000 to rebuild, "but we are going to rebuild."

Center Grove and Zion Hill Baptist Churches in Nearby White County were gutted from the fires, which officials said were caused by arsonists and "didn't just happen, but were planned."

Christian Hills' red-brick structure, built by the congregation and completed in 1971, was burned the evening of July 4. The 300-seat sanctuary burned to the ground and the two educational wings received heavy smoke, water and heat damage.

The other churches also plan to rebuild.

Truett McConnell College in Cleveland, Ga., offered its facilities to all three churches. Center Grove Church, however, planned to meet in the basement of its educational wing and Christian Hills Church was making arrangements to use a nearby building. Zion Hill Church had not responded.

Nearly six years ago, members of Christian Hills watched in helpless horror as the six-year-old daughter of their former pastor was burned to death in a trailer fire.

Despite this tragedy and the recent fire, one woman at the prayer meeting insisted, "It will pull the people closer together."

The people of Christian Hills are beginning a building fund and one of these days they'll rebuild.

Until then, said Pastor Smith, "We may just pitch a big tent under the big oak."

Abortion Not Answer, Says Center Director

GLORIETA, N. M. (BP) — Abortion is not the answer to problem pregnancies, a maternity and adoption center director told 1,600 Southern Baptists attending the Bold Mission Leadership Conference here.

Mary Dan Kuhnle, director of Sellers Home, New Orleans, called abortion "a nasty business, something real, not something you just read about in a newspaper."

"Every child born in Sellers could have been aborted. It is with courage and faith that a girl chooses not to have an abortion and to carry that child, to carry that social stigma that still exists, to carry some of the non-acceptance from her church."

Currently 26 girls, mostly Southern Baptists, live at Sellers, Mrs. Kuhnle said.

The maternity and adoption center, operated by Southern Baptists through their Home Mission Board, has a three-year list of couples waiting to adopt white babies, the director said.

In explaining the ministry through Sellers, Miss Kuhnle said she teaches the young girls that "capacity once acted upon calls for responsibility once reproduction is under way they have a responsibility to plan for that child."

Strong, healthy decisions can be made only when a girl is emotionally

supported in an atmosphere of positive acceptance," the director explained.

Miss Kuhnle was one of 12 home and foreign missionaries who addressed the church and associational WMU and Brotherhood leaders at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center.

The Bold Mission conference was sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission and Woman's Missionary Union.

Think about it!

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The Missions Task

You Can't Take It With You

By John Alexander, Director Stewardship Dept., MBCB

One man who heard the statement "You can't take it with you" decided to prove the statement wrong. He was quite ill at the time and in the hospital. He called his three friends to assist him; one a Baptist deacon, the other a Methodist steward, and the third a reputable Jewish businessman. He explained his desire to be lowered into the ground, each was supposed to step forward and drop an envelope containing the twenty thousand dollars into the casket. They attended his funeral as agreed, and each dropped an envelope into the casket. After the funeral as they were driving home, the Baptist deacon confessed to the others that his church was in a building campaign and he removed five thousand dollars which he gave to his church. Thereupon, the reputable Jewish businessman said: "Am I the only honest man in the group? I took the twenty thousand dollars in cash and put it in the bank for safe keeping and in the envelope I placed my personal check for the entire twenty thousands dollars."

You can't take it with you no matter how hard you try. The only way you can keep it is to lay it up before you leave on that long last journey. Jesus said, "... lay up for yourself treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust corrupt, and where thieves do not break in or steal, FOR where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matt. 6:20).

Man, even Christian man, can become so attracted to the possession of material wealth that he forgets God and thinks only of grasping and controlling. He loses a sense of values and swaps the opportunity to earn eternal treasure for temporary treasure. Secularism becomes his religion. He wants everything and is satisfied with nothing. He usually dies an early death and leaves a rich widow or children who soon go through with what he left with little or no regard for the man who earned it. It is a pitiful way to live and die.

For his own good, Christian man needs the discipline in his life of systematic proportionate stewardship as a guard against greed and avarice.

Living at a time when the citizenry of our nation is drowning in luxury, church leaders need more than ever to hold before their members the dangers of idolatry. This sin against God and one's fellow man is so acceptable in our society that those who fall into satan's trap are admired, praised, and often put in positions of church leadership only because they have money!

Dare we remember what James says about the material-minded man? "But ye have dishonored the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you, and themselves drag you before the judgment seat? Do not they blaspheme the honorable name by which ye are called?" (2:6-7).

No single group among us needs more direct Biblical teaching and preaching than the rich.

Think about it!

Newsbriefs In The



World Of Religion

Fort Worth (BP) — A major factor in the growth of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission is Paul M. Stevens' commitment to his denomination and to broadcasting quality in content and technology, according to the June 27 issue of Broadcasting, weekly magazine devoted to radio and TV.

New York (RNS) — Henini Ministries, popularly known as Jews for Jesus, have filed suit against the Long Island Council of Churches, charging that it has made "false and defamatory" statements about the Hebrew Christian group. The suit involves a statement issued by the Council's board of governors to its 600-member churches and area synagogues that expressed concern about "the alleged dishonest conversionary tactics employed by such groups as Jews for Jesus, B'nai Yeshua (another Hebrew Christian group) and the Unification Church (of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon)."

Minneapolis (RNS) — A homosexual run development firm here wants to open an opulent bathhouse-hotel for homosexuals — opposite to Billy Graham's international headquarters. George Wilson, executive vice-president of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, said he was not amused by the plans of Bunyan and Company's plans to buy and renovate the Bellevue Hotel. Thus far, the firm, incorporated specifically for this project, has little money and has been unable to find investors, gay or straight.

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — The U. S. Supreme Court has ruled that states may not impose the death penalty for the rape of an adult woman on the grounds that the punishment is "grossly disproportionate and excessive." The Court held 7-2 that a Georgia law making rape a capital offense violates the Eighth Amendment ban on cruel and unusual punishment.

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Charm And Yazoo City

Without question, Yazoo City is one of the charming spots of our nation. Probably President Jimmy Carter did not know this when he first announced he was to visit the city. He knows now.

He couldn't help but notice the charm. The city has it in abundance, and the citizens really turned it on for the President.

Press credentials got two Baptist Record staff members into the Yazoo City High School gymnasium for a meeting that except for the press was strictly Yazoo County and Yazoo City. In spite of the bothersome heat generated when 2,000 people gathered in the unairconditioned arena, it was an interesting and almost a delightful experience.

Perhaps the President was glad to be back in Southern surroundings, but he was relaxed, personable, and at home as he took off his coat, rolled up his sleeves, and leaned on the podium. He was not without charm himself.

The citizens responded in kind. They were enjoying the occasion, and they were orderly and respectful. The ever-watchful secret service went through all its paces, but its efforts were simply routine exercises it must continue. The citizens were just as determined as the secret service that nothing would spoil this moment in history.

Baptists played a big part in the Yazoo City visit. The home of the Owen Coopers provided the accommoda-

tions for the President, but Cooper said this was symbolic. The entire town was the host, he declared.

On Sunday morning before the visit an NBC television crew taped a part of the service at First Baptist Church, where the Coopers are members and James Yates is the pastor. Later Carol Joy Yates, the pastor's daughter, played the piano during an entertainment period the town presented for visiting newsmen.

Yates said the atmosphere in the city for several days preceding the visit was almost like a carnival. Nobody was getting much work done except preparing for the visit, he added, and he took time to chauffeur the writer from place to place in the city. Then

on the night of the President's visit the Yates family was a gracious host for the writer.

Jerry Clower, a member of First Baptist Church, was master of ceremonies at a watermelon cutting for the townspeople and newsmen on Wednesday evening. On Thursday evening Carter praised Clower highly in opening remarks, though he was not aware that Clower was present at the meeting.

The mayor of the city, Floyd Johnson, is also a member of First Baptist Church; and he led in the city's preparation for the visit.

Another Baptist, Charles Jackson, gave up his home next door to the Coopers for the night. Secret Service personnel installed phones in every room of the Jackson home; and finally Jackson said, "If it would make your job easier, I'll move out."

"Would you mind?" asked the one of the secret service staff.

Before he left the house, however, while no secret service people were around, Jackson said he had to find out what the phones were connected. He picked up one and a voice said, "May I help you?" He answered, "I am a private citizen sitting in my own home, and I wandered what this phone was hooked to." "You've got the White House switchboard," was the reply.

Besides being a deacon at First Baptist Church, Jackson is a senior vice president at Mississippi Chemical Corp. and a city alderman.

The President made a distinct impression under difficult cir-

cumstances. It was hot, and he was fielding questions on an impromptu basis. He did very well.

The next morning the writer was welcomed into the Cooper home for a visit of more than an hour of just chatting about the events of the past evening and earlier that morning.

Here, too, are a charming host and hostess and a man who has accomplished much and yet is unassuming and unpretentious. To attempt to enumerate his endeavors is to present no more than a partial list. One immediately thinks, however, of having a major role in the establishment of one of Mississippi's large industries. The administration building there carries his name. He has been Southern Baptist Convention vice-president and president and chairman of the Executive Committee. He has initiated far-flung missions efforts around the world to furnish much needed equipment to denominational mission organizations and to get lay people into areas where missionaries cannot find acceptance. He is the chief supporter for at least two such organizations.

He is an innovator and a catalyst. He conceives great ideas, and then he makes them happen.

It was interesting and a thrill to be in the meeting where the President of the United States was and to observe his personality and to feel his charm.

It was just as much a thrill, however, to sit for an hour and visit with Owen Cooper. Mrs. Cooper was not in the room a great deal of the time. She was

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Yates, the Coopers' pastor, and the writer talked with Mr. Cooper until an NBC television crew came in. Then we went upstairs to see the bed where the President slept. Mrs. Cooper showed us a small bronze plaque that will be attached to the head board.

So the bed will not be roped off as a museum piece. Through the years others will be sleeping in the bed where the President slept.

Revival Dates

Jayess Church: July 31 - August 5; Jimmy Kay, pastor Gault Ave. Church, Fort Payne, Ala., guest speaker; Victor Walsh, McComb, music; Sunday services start 11 a.m. followed by dinner on the ground and a concluding service; weekday services 7:30 p.m.; Michael Mitchell, pastor.

Bellevue Church, Pontotoc: July 31-Aug. 5; services 7:30 nightly, Winston Ross, pastor Midway Church, evangelist; Lamar Pickens, pastor.

Ebenezer Church, Bassfield: July 31 - August 5; Sunday services 11 a.m. followed by dinner on the ground and another service at 2 p.m.; Tommy Arinder, pastor Eastside Church, Belzoni, evangelist; John Green, minister of music at Bassfield Church, will lead music; Monday - Friday services 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Glenn Simmons, pastor.

Corinth Church, Heidelberg: July 31 - August 6; services 7:30 nightly; old fashion day with dinner on the ground after Sunday morning service; evangelist, Herman Sollie of Quitman, Georgia; Pop Stone of Gulfport, minister of music; Edd Holloman, pastor.

Anchor Church (Lafayette): July 31 - August 5; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; weekdays 7:30 p.m.; Lewis Sewell, pastor of First Oxford, evangelist; George McFadin, associate pastor in charge of music and youth, First Oxford, in charge of music; Jimmy Harrington, pastor.

New Zion Church (Liberty): July 31 - August 5; services Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; week nights 7:30 p.m.; Ron Meyer, First Church, Port Sulphur, Louisiana, evangelist; Elmer Vogelsang, pastor, will direct the music.

Russell Church (Lauderdale): week of July 31; Don Smith, pastor First Church, Wilson ARK, evangelist; Jimmy Crane, music director, will lead singing; Sunday services 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekday services 7:30 p.m.; homecoming Aug. 7; Denton Sunrall, former member and now pastor Madera Dr. Church in Orange Park FLA, will preach; dinner on the ground; Charles Griffith, pastor.

New Hope Church (Jones): July 31 - Aug. 5; Gary Arflin, pastor McCall Creek Church (Franklin) and doctoral student at New Orleans Seminary, evangelist; Max Robertson, song leader; Sunday services 11 a.m. with dinner on the ground and 7 p.m.; weekday services 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Earl Clark, pastor.

New Hope Church (Greene): July 31 - Aug. 5; 7 nightly; evangelist, John Merck; song leader, Don Boone; pastor, Randy Davis; both Merck and Boone were formerly with Rocky Creek Church, Lucedale; are now serving at Shiloh Church in Saraland, Ala.



Clifford Bruffey, Rodney Webb, and Jerry Jamison are shown left to right. They were involved in an Evangelism School for the Deaf at Calvary Church, Tupelo.

Evangelism School For Deaf Held In Tupelo

By Annie Laurie Allen

Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo, was host to an Evangelism School for the Deaf July 15-17, 1977. Clifford Bruffey, Missionary to the Deaf, Washington, D. C. area and Chaplain, Gallaudet College, taught and preached, using the WIN Series as a basis for his Friday and Saturday messages. Simultaneously, Rodney Webb, Language Missions, Cooperative Missions Department, Jackson, taught an Advanced Sign Language Class for Interpreters. Webb planned and made arrangements for the weekend. Jerry D. Jamison, Minister to the Deaf, Calvary, assisted with the weekend activities.

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Annie Armstrong Offering Reaches Total Of \$592,654.59

The gifts to Home Missions Week of Prayer are listed through June 30 with 1198 churches participating. At that time total gifts amounted to \$592,654.59.

ADAMS	24.10	COUNTY LINE	185.00	FLORA	387.00	LAFAYETTE	903.45	BUCKS RETREAT	600.00	ELON	2,245.59	PUCKETT	275.00	UNION	70.00
BETHEL	54.00	FBC CRYSTAL SPRGS	2,064.20	GRIFFITH MEN	978.25	ANCHOR	300.75	HORNIGOGS	35.00	FBC RACON	2,245.59	REBETH	245.00	BETHSEA	25.00
BRIEL AVE	29.00	FBC HAZELNUT	1,443.25	HANGING MOSS	374.00	CLEAR CRK	413.00	HACEDONIA	150.00	HASHULAVILLE	106.00	RICHLAND	218.51	ELMO	223.00
CLIFF TEMPLE	62.00	CLIMB	552.36	HIGHLAND	192.36	COL HILL HTGS	91.27	MISSION HILL	600.00	WESTSIDE	61.00	FARMOOD BAPT C	172.06	FAYETTE	170.00
CLOVERDALE	78.45	GEORGE TOWN	419.00	HIGHREST	946.99	COL HILL HTGS	1,236.00	MOKS CRK	850.00	STAR	170.00	GEORGE HILL	520.00	NEW JERSEY CHURCH	598.10
CRANFIELD	59.18	HARMONY	66.00	LAKESHORE	126.00	HARMONY	1,276.76	HOMEGROVE	162.59	SUNSHINE	225.08	NEW JERSEY CHURCH	598.10	NEW JERSEY CHURCH	598.10
FBC NATCHez	1,344.77	HIGHLAND	351.00	LEARNED	416.00	NEW ELBETH	95.00	HT PLASANT	108.15	TRINITY BAPT CH	180.11	PORT GIBSON	81.50	PORT GIBSON	81.50
HIGHFIELD	863.50	HOPMELL	695.00	MAIDON	268.00	NEW PROSPECT	401.65	HT ZION	206.00	UNION	100.00	UNION	13,885.81	1,287.60	
HORNIGOG	275.25	NEW PROVIDENCE	100.00	MIDWAY	656.65	PHILADELPHIA	790.06	DOUDE SPGS	59.00	RIVERSIDE					
PARKWAY	245.94	NEW UNION	232.00	MORRISON HTGS	3,446.82	PIERSHAW	625.00	NEW PROSPECT	217.50	FRG MAREN	293.00	AMAZIAH	70.00		
SPRINGFIELD	124.76	PILGRIMS REST	500.00	MORRISON HTGS	3,446.82	PIERSHAW	625.00	NEW PROSPECT	217.50	FRG MAREN	293.00	CENTER	1,200.00		
WASHINGTON	449.73	PINE BLUFF	101.00	MORRISON HTGS	3,446.82	PIERSHAW	625.00	NEW PROSPECT	217.50	FRG MAREN	293.00	CLARKSDALE	2,362.24		
	4,383.37	SARDIS	175.96	MORRISON HTGS	3,446.82	PIERSHAW	625.00	NEW PROSPECT	217.50	FRG MAREN	293.00	ELLISTON	623.79		
ALCORN		SOUTH GRV	311.00	MORRISON HTGS	3,446.82	PIERSHAW	625.00	NEW PROSPECT	217.50	FRG MAREN	293.00	FREDONIA	2,669.71		
ANTIOCH NO 2	100.96	SPRING HILL	456.00	MORRISON HTGS	3,446.82	PIERSHAW	625.00	NEW PROSPECT	217.50	FRG MAREN	293.00	GLENFIELD	65.36		
CALVARY	165.15	STRONG HOPE	275.00	MORRISON HTGS	3,446.82	PIERSHAW	625.00	NEW PROSPECT	217.50	FRG MAREN	293.00	HARMONY	202.13		
CORINTH TATE	820.00	SYLVERA	182.25	MORRISON HTGS	3,446.82	PIERSHAW	625.00	NEW PROSPECT	217.50	FRG MAREN	293.00	HILLCREST	230.00		
DANVILLE	125.25	MESSON	317.25	MORRISON HTGS	3,446.82	PIERSHAW	625.00	NEW PROSPECT	217.50	FRG MAREN	293.00	INDIANA	81.50		
E CORINTH	240.00	RIDGECREST	1,201.00	MORRISON HTGS	3,446.82	PIERSHAW	625.00	NEW PROSPECT	217.50	FRG MAREN	293.00	JERICHO	81.00		
FBC BIGGERVILLE	200.00	MORRISON HTGS	8,500.83	MORRISON HTGS	3,446.82	PIERSHAW	625.00	NEW PROSPECT	217.50	FRG MAREN	293.00	MYRTLE	761.27		
FBC CORINTH	2,417.44	COVINGTON	161.00	MORRISON HTGS	3,446.82	PIERSHAW	625.00	NEW PROSPECT	217.50	FRG MAREN	293.00	NEW OAK GRV	12.75		
GEORGE	23.75	CALHOUN	161.00	MORRISON HTGS	3,446.82	PIERSHAW	625.00	NEW PROSPECT	217.50	FRG MAREN	293.00	NORTHSIDE	285.30		
HINKE	364.75	COL SPGS	161.00	MORRISON HTGS	3,446.82	PIERSHAW	625.00	NEW PROSPECT	217.50	FRG MAREN	293.00	PEASANT RIDGE	62.25		
HOLLY	155.00	COL SPGS	1,759.22	MORRISON HTGS	3,446.82	PIERSHAW	625.00	NEW PROSPECT	217.50	FRG MAREN	293.00	PEASANT RIDGE	456.00		
KENDRICK	71.00	FBC NT GLEN	424.67	MORRISON HTGS	3,446.82	PIERSHAW	625.00	NEW PROSPECT	217.50	FRG MAREN	293.00	TEMPLE	200.00		
KOSUTH	185.55	FBC SANFORD	220.82	MORRISON HTGS	3,446.82	PIERSHAW	625.00	NEW PROSPECT	217.50	FRG MAREN	293.00	WALLERVILLE	305.00		
LAUREN	594.00	LEAF RIVER	56.75	MORRISON HTGS	3,446.82	PIERSHAW	625.00	NEW PROSPECT	217.50	FRG MAREN	293.00	ZION HILL	125.00		
LENZI	136.25	M H HORN	238.86	MORRISON HTGS	3,446.82	PIERSHAW	625.00	NEW PROSPECT	217.50	FRG MAREN	293.00	W. ZION	13,733.04		
S C CORINTH	180.00	M H HORN	149.49	MORRISON HTGS	3,446.82	PIERSHAW	625.00	NEW PROSPECT	217.50	FRG MAREN	293.00	W. ZION	13,733.04		
TISHIMINGO CPL	155.00	MRA	114.00	MORRISON HTGS	3,446.82	PIERSHAW	625.00	NEW PROSPECT	217.50	FRG MAREN	293.00	W. ZION	13,733.04		
UNION	43.00	ROCK HILL	153.70	MORRISON HTGS	3,446.82	PIERSHAW	625.00	NEW PROSPECT	217.50	FRG MAREN	293.00	W. ZION	13,733.04		
W CORINTH	60.00	SALEM	1,015.00	MORRISON HTGS	3,446.82	PIERSHAW	625.00	NEW PROSPECT	217.50	FRG MAREN	293.00	W. ZION	13,733.04		
WHEELER GROVE	110.00	SEMINARY	197.00	MORRISON HTGS	3,446.82	PIERSHAW	625.00	NEW PROSPECT	217.50	FRG MAREN	293.00	W. ZION	13,733.04		
ATLANTA	5,222.10	UNION NORTH B CH	20.00	MORRISON HTGS	3,446.82	PIERSHAW	625.00	NEW PROSPECT	217.50	FRG MAREN	293.00	W. ZION	13,733.04		
CARMICHAEL	75.00	DEBOTO	1,000.00	MORRISON HTGS	3,446.82	PIERSHAW	625.00	NEW PROSPECT	217.50	FRG MAREN	293.00	W. ZION	13,733.04		
ETHEL	50.00	DEBOTO	1,000.00	MORRISON HTGS	3,446.82	PIERSHAW	625.00	NEW PROSPECT	217.50	FRG MAREN	293.00	W. ZION	13,733.04		
FBC KOSCUISK	2,020.00	DEBOTO	1,000.00	MORRISON HTGS	3,446.82	PIERSHAW	625.00	NEW PROSPECT	217.50	FRG MAREN	293.00	W. ZION	13,733.04		
HURRICANE	40.62	DEBOTO	1,000.00	MORRISON HTGS	3,446.82	PIERSHAW	625.00	NEW PROSPECT	217.50	FRG MAREN	293.00	W. ZION	13,733.04		
KODOK	394.40	DEBOTO	1,000.00	MORRISON HTGS	3,446.82	PIERSHAW	625.00	NEW PROSPECT	217.50	FRG MAREN	293.00	W. ZION	13,733.04		
PLEASANT RIDGE	85.00	DEBOTO	1,000.00	MORRISON HTGS	3,446.82	PIERSHAW	625.00	NEW PROSPECT	217.50	FRG MAREN	293.00	W. ZION	13,733.04		
SALLIS	435.00	FBC EUDORA	600.00	MORRISON HTGS	3,446.82	PIERSHAW	625.00	NEW PROSPECT	217.50	FRG MAREN	293.00	W. ZION	13,733.04		
SANDBERG	50.00	FBC HORN LAKE	789.00	MORRISON HTGS	3,446.82	PIERSHAW	625.00	NEW PROSPECT	217.50	FRG MAREN	293.00	W. ZION	13,733.04		
SPRINGDALE	941.40	FBC OLIVE BRANCH	1,330.00	MORRISON HTGS	3,446.82	PIERSHAW	625.00	NEW PROSPECT	217.50	FRG MAREN	293.00	W. ZION	13,733.04		
UNITY	128.75	FODDAN	1,000.00	MORRISON HTGS	3,446.82	PIERSHAW	625.00	NEW PROSPECT	217.50	FRG MAREN	293.00	W. ZION	13,733.04		
WILLIAMS	325.00	FODDAN	1,000.00	MORRISON HTGS	3,446.82	PIERSHAW	625.00	NEW PROSPECT	217.50	FRG MAREN	293.00	W. ZION	13,733.04		
YOKKNOKANY	48.00	FODDAN	1,000.00	MORRISON HTGS	3,446.82	PIERSHAW	625.00	NEW PROSPECT	217.50	FRG MAREN	293.00	W. ZION	13,733.04		
BENTON	6,195.33	FODD													

AUGUST, 1977

Sunday School	YOUTH SUMMER BIBLE STUDY. Additional Bible study opportunity for Youth during the summer.
Church Music	BACKYARD BIBLE CLUBS and MISSION BIBLE SCHOOLS are possibilities for every church. Find areas in your community to conduct these additional Bible School activities. Your Associational Director of Missions or Vacation Bible School Director may have some suggested meeting places.
Student Work	August 21-28 CHURCH MUSIC WEEK. Activities and plans suggested for churches will include churchwide study courses appropriate to the needs and interest of church members music leaders, and music group members.
Church Administration	HYMN OF THE MONTH: "Redeemed" (Ada), page 444, New Hymnal
Stewardship	ON-TO-COLLEGE DAY — Appropriate Sunday in August. A day to alert each church member to his relationship and involvement with college students connected with the congregation — Christian and/or non-Christian. Each church member is challenged to accept his role — as a new college student, returning college student, parent of college student, faith sharer, affirming, supporter, of college students. Posters and suggested actions for the program are mailed to all pastors in July. It is a good time to present each student with subscription to THE STUDENT. (Presentation certificates may be ordered, free of charge.)

Grant Teaff To Speak At Calvary In Jackson

Grant Teaff, head football coach at Baylor University, Waco, Texas and national football coach of the year in 1974, will be the principal speaker at a special service to be held at Calvary Church in Jackson Aug. 4 at 7:30 p.m.

According to Joe H. Tuten, pastor, other features will include a 15 minute film "The Athletes" which has been shown on national television, and a period of contemporary vocal music by Charles Endsley, church organist, and Hank Wilkenson, recent graduate of Carey College, Hattiesburg.

Following the program held in the sanctuary there will be a period of fellowship, according to W. B. "Bill" McIlwain, minister of education. Everyone present at the program is invited.

Teaff's Baylor Bears in 1974 won their first Southwest Conference championship in 50 years and played in the Cotton Bowl for the first time. In

addition to his accomplishments with the football team, Teaff has been head coach of four major all-star games, an author of a best-selling autobiography, and has been recipient of an honorary doctorate degree.

Teaff is married to the former Donell Phillips of Plainview, Texas and they have three daughters. The family is active in First Church Waco.

Teaff will be in Jackson Aug. 4-6 to participate in a coaches' clinic.

Homecoming

Homecoming is planned for Ridgecrest Church (Lebanon), celebrating its 30th anniversary on July 31. A day of activities begins with Sunday School at 10 a.m. and dinner on the ground during noon hour. Afternoon activities begin at 1:30 p.m. No night services are planned. Odell Lebo is pastor.



Life And Work For July 31

The Gods We Make

By Bill Duncan, Long Beach, First Exodus 20:4-6; Jeremiah 7:1-15

Everywhere the Israelites went there were idols. Most of the chief gods of Egypt were conceived in human form but they were depicted with physical characteristics of animals. Baal, the Canaanite god was portrayed as a warrior with a thunderbolt as a spear.

Is the god the idol or does the idol represent or personify the principle or the spirit associated with the god? Many insist they think that the god existed as a spiritual reality, separate from the idol. But the possession of the idol gave ability to control or manipulate to a greater or lesser degree the god himself. Thus, the making of images was designed to express more than an act of devotion or worship. It arose out of the desire to insure the blessing and protection of the deity, who was represented in the wood, clay or stone.

The Second Commandment prohibited (1) the representation of the Lord in an image or idol, and (2) the use of images of created beings as an aid to the worship of the Lord.

Because God is a spirit, He cannot be adequately represented by an idol. God speaks to mankind through His Word. There are many aspects of God manifested in the world of nature. Revelation is not in the form of an idol but in the living presence of the Lord. His will is not conveyed in images of brass, stone or wood but in the living word of relevance and challenge.

The idea of idolatry was incompatible with the true nature of God. He is absolutely free and sovereign. To make an idol of the Lord would have implied control of Him by the worshiper. Thou shalt not prohibit the control of the Lord by any person or power. Positively it asserts the absolute freedom and sovereignty of the Lord.

God forbade the use of images as an aid to worship. He strictly required that men should not bow down before physical objects. Images were brought into the church immediately following the conversion of the Roman emperor Constantine. The idols of the oriental and heathen religions were brought into the Christian church and used as symbols of the true God. The use of the crucifix was unknown in Christian worship until the sixth century. Eventually, superstitious sentiments gradually clustered about the images. The images began to be treated as a

sacred object which was due special reverence and the worship of the true God was transferred to the image.

We are guilty of modern idolatry when we limit the revelation of God to an absolutely rigid form, rather than receiving the revelation through the living Word. The Word is changeless, but changes to meet the shifting conditions of every generation. Today the revelation of God is like new wine, fermenting and expanding, discontent and unable to remain in old forms. You cannot control a living Word as a brass image!

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idolatry when we substitute one expression of God with the essence of God. The church is not God. The Bible is not God. All the expressions of God must supplant God but become the living evidence of His presence in our lives. God always stands beyond and above the church, Bible or ministry.

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The least subtle and most devastating (I have my tongue in my cheek on that word) one in the last few years was the one that said, "Next headache, use . . ."

No if. No maybe. Just, for sure, next headache. Giving me no option. Telling me that I'm going to have another headache, and that I may as well get the medicine on the shelf because I'm surely going to need it.

Makes me wonder how many headaches we have because we're under obligation to headache remedies! Seriously, I'm sure we have more headaches than we need to have, mostly because we do not take care of ourselves.

And I'm also wondering how much pessimism we allow ourselves because we are tuned in to wrong influences, because we are placing our delight in the wrong places. My favorite Bible verse is "Delight thyself in the Lord, and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart."

Delighting myself in the Lord gives me a bunch of options, and they are all optimistic, permanent, assuring. But if I involve myself with the wrong option, I have to blame myself for the headache. No blame goes to God when I choose wrong.

And I find out how right He is when I get involved with the right option.

It really does make for needing less aspirin!

Devotional.

The Ewe Lamb

By Len Turner, pastor Colonial Heights, Jackson

II Samuel 12:1-6

This parable, Nathan's little story of the ewe lamb, stands unmatched in its beauty and in its power.

How simple it is, and yet how sharply pointed! How true, and yet how exquisitely tender! We have to turn to the parables of Jesus before we find any other so telling.

Note firstly how wisely and well Nathan played his part. This was not the first time, and it is not the last, that prophets and preachers stood in the presence of princes. In our own history there are some famous instances of the ministers of the word rebuking sovereigns. John Knox stood more than once before Queen Mary, and spoke to her almost harshly on her behavior. Andrew Melville, in audience with King James, never flinched in boldly uttering the truth. But brave as Knox was, and polished as Melville was, I think that Nathan did better than either of them. Having been sent by the Lord and having the Lord's presence with him, was not this little story of the lamb exquisitely fitted to the heart of David? Nathan was perfectly faithful to his task, yet in the performance of it, most wise and tender. Let us be sure that when we go at God's bidding, we shall not lack the necessary gifts. If He sends us out to any difficult duty, He will see to it that all our need is met.

Once more remark how clearly we observe another's faults. As Nathan went on with the tale of the rich man, you picture the flashing eye of David. You see his hand groping for his sword, his heart was so hot at high handed work! Being extremely angry, he declared that the man must die and the lamb be restored four-fold! David discerned the sin at once. It stood out clear in the frame of another's life. We are all quick to observe another's faults and perhaps we are more ready to observe them, than when these faults in another are our own. The sins we are most apt to suspect in others, are the sins that have been playing havoc with ourselves. The vices that we are surest to detect are those that our own character have known. David was fiercely indignant at Nathan's tyrant, because he had lorded it just so himself.

Notice next how little we are acquainted with ourselves. Nathan painted David a true picture of himself, but David, in this terrible season of failure, was very ignorant of what he was, he did not recognize the prophet's portrait. In His Word, God has painted a wonderful portrait of us. It is life-like, there is no flattery in it; it shows our worst, and it reveals our best. We never really come to know ourselves until we come to know and love our Bibles. It is then that God says to us, as Nathan to David, "Thou art the man." That was the beginning of David's return into the gladness of the love of God, so to see ourselves as we are and our need of Christ is our first step to reconciliation.

Lastly, notice how simply God works upon our hearts. It was a simple story that touched the heart of David. The power of God was in it and that was enough. We must remember that God can easily use us to touch the hearts of men if we are available, usable, yielded and obedient to Him as was Nathan.

Revival Dates

Baxterville Church: July 31 - August 5; H. L. Fewell, evangelist; Micky Robertson, song leader; services 7:30 nightly; Bob Goolsby, pastor.

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Memorial Church (Perry): July 24-29; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; 7:30 p.m. during the week; Freddie McCoy, evangelist; Don Hubbard, music director; Mary Lou Wardle, pianist; Don Strickland, pastor.

Calvary Church (Lawrence): July 31 - Aug. 5; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Jim Headley, First Church, Collins, Georgia, evangelist; Bill Clark, WLBT TV Jackson and music director for Madison Church, in charge of the music; Doug Warren, pastor.

Cato Church (Rankin): July 24-29; Sunday service 11 a.m., lunch at noon, 1:30 p.m. services; no Sunday evening services; 7:30 p.m. during the week; S. A. Adkins, evangelist; Joe Styron, music director; Ricky Gray, pastor.



Mississippians Attend Annual Pastor's Conference

Nine states were represented by 150 pastors and their wives at the fifteenth annual Pastor's Conference. The conference was sponsored by New Orleans Seminary and was held on campus July 11-15. Pastors participated in Bible studies and received educational program information. The ministers' wives attended special conferences. Those attending from Mississippi include (left to right): back row — Don Bradley, Charles Abbey, Don and Monica Slack, Victor C. Johnson, Ricky England, C. H. Melton, and David Sellers; middle row — Clark McMurray, Landrum Leavell, Elton Moore, Charlotte Stewart, Gene Stewart, Willie Mae Roberts, Ruby Garrard, Jimmie Garrard, and Oscar Russell; seated — Jean Moore, Fred Tarpley, and Ann Tarpley.



Honor Plaque Presented To Mrs. Joe Smith

Mrs. Joe Smith (left), Vacation Bible School Director of Lowery Creek Church, Seminary, was honored with a yellow gold plaque on commencement night for her outstanding dedication during the week of VBS; June 27 - July 1. Smith is shown with Jay Slaughter (right) presenting the plaque. Slaughter was former youth director at Lowery and 1976 VBS Director, and is now serving as director of youth and activities at Indian Springs Church, Laurel. Mrs. Smith is presently serving as youth director at Lowery and is the former Wanda Herrington.

Sunday School Lesson: International For July 31

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Florida Trip

The youth choir of First Church Runnelstown (Perry) recently took a trip to Florida. The group, consisting of 42 members and leaders, departed July 10 for Fort Walton Beach and performed at Wright Church. The choir then traveled on to Orlando to tour Disney World. They departed for home Thursday morning, July 14, and were welcomed back at the church by several of the church members. The trip was made possible by the youth department and their workers as a result of several projects such as car washes, rummage sales, bake sales, and two walk-a-thons.